

08-415 Adult Probation and Parole

Agency Description

The mission of Adult Probation and Parole (organizationally expressed as the Division of Probation and Parole) is to protect public safety by providing for the investigation and supervision of adjudicated adult offenders through the enforcement of legal statutes and the provision of community-based programs that are designed to facilitate offenders' adjustment and reintegration into society.

The goals of the Division of Probation and Parole are:

1. Ensure public safety and confidence in community sanctions.
2. Manage the Division of Probation and Parole programs effectively, efficiently, and professionally.

The Division of Probation and Parole functions as a "community services" division and consists of a headquarters office in Baton Rouge and 21 district offices strategically located throughout the state. The division protects public safety by investigating adjudicated adult offenders for the courts and other decision makers; supervising those who are placed on probation, parole (regular and good time), or work release; and enforcing the conditions attached to their presence in the community.

In 1992 the Division of Probation and Parole assumed responsibility for monitoring community rehabilitation center contracts as well as inmates assigned to those contract work release facilities. These facilities are nonsecure, community-based residential facilities that have generally been utilized as a reintegration resource. They also provide an alternative to incarceration for parole technical violators. Of the eleven work release facilities monitored by the Probation and Parole Division, three are contracted to private providers and eight are operated through a cooperative endeavor agreement with the local sheriff's office.

The Division of Probation and Parole initially purchased 125 electronic monitoring units in 1995, 25 units in 1996 and 50 units in 1997. A central host system was purchased and installed for monitoring the devices and determining whether violations have occurred. The electronic monitoring units are currently being used to monitor curfews imposed in lieu of revocation for persons who have committed technical violations of their conditions of parole and for monitoring IMPACT (intensive parole) cases. The device is an efficient, cost-effective tool that enhances supervision efforts for selected cases. As a result of the 2001 Regular Legislative Session, Act 1163 regarding electronic monitoring of certain DWI offenders and Act 1139 regarding home incarceration and electronic monitoring of certain non-violent offenders became law. The average number of offenders on electronic monitoring for FY 2002-2003 is 525.

Probation and Parole passed its 1993 American Correctional Association (ACA) accreditation audit with a perfect score and in early 1994 received its ACA accreditation and has since maintained accreditation. Adult Probation and Parole has two programs: Administration and Support and Field Services. Adult Probation and Parole has two programs: Administration and Support and Field Services.

AGENCY BUDGET SUMMARY

	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACT 13 2002-2003	EXISTING 2002-2003	CONTINUATION 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$30,965,446	\$18,136,207	\$30,248,830	\$33,577,448	\$31,562,349	\$1,313,519
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	11,375,555	11,408,435	11,408,435	11,408,435	12,908,435	1,500,000
Statutory Dedications	0	361,841	361,841	0	0	(361,841)
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$42,341,001	\$29,906,483	\$42,019,106	\$44,985,883	\$44,470,784	\$2,451,678
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Administration and Support	\$2,562,269	\$2,809,226	\$2,809,226	\$3,235,664	\$3,148,373	\$339,147
Field Services	39,778,732	27,097,257	39,209,880	41,750,219	41,322,411	2,112,531
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$42,341,001	\$29,906,483	\$42,019,106	\$44,985,883	\$44,470,784	\$2,451,678
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	913	625	883	883	868	(15)
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	913	625	883	883	868	(15)